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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO UGANDAN ASIANS

1. MISSION RECEIVED LETTER DATED MAY 8 FROM UNHCR OUTLINING SITUATION WHICH UNHCR FACES IN FINANCING FURTHER CARE AND MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE TO UGANDAN ASIAN IN EUROPEAN TRANSIT CAMPS AND MAKING URGENT APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL USG CONTRIBUTION OF \$500,000 TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEM.

2. UNHCR LETTER (WHICH SUMMARIZED BELOW) RECAPITULATES CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING GRANTING OF TEMPORARY ASYLUM BY AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, ITALY, MALTA AND SPAIN TO 4,400 EVACUATED UGANDAN ASIANS LAST FALL UNDER AGREEMENT BY UNHCR TO ASSUME ALL COSTS INVOLVED, INCLUDING THOSE FOR RECEPTION, CARE AND MAINTENANCE AND RESETTLEMENT. IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER UNHCR APPEAL, CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALING \$2,819,235 WERE RECEIVED FROM 12 COUNTRIES. AT AVERAGE COST OF \$4.70 PER PERSON PER DAY, COSTS FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE ALONE EXPECTED TOTAL \$2,332,100 BY MAY 31. OTHER COSTS INCLUDE \$114,300 FOR RESETTLEMENT GRANTS FOR 200
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PERSONS IN BELGIUM, \$5,000 FOR RESETTLEMENT PROMOTION COSTS IN AUSTRIA, WITH \$250,000 RESERVED TO REIMBURSE ICEM FOR PROCESSING SERVICES RENDERED IN UGANDA, TRANSPORT TO EUROPE, RECEPTION IN EUROPE AND SOME MOVEMENTS WITHIN

EUROPE. FINALLY, \$100,000 RESERVED FOR UNHCR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UGANDAN ASIAN OPERATION. THUS, COMMITMENT OF \$2,801,400 AGAINST CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$2,819,235 EXPECTED LEAVE BALANCE OF ONLY \$17,835 ON MAY 31.

3. UNHCR LETTER CONTINUES THAT 1,750 UGANDAN ASIANS REMAIN IN TRANSIT CENTERS, OF WHOM 730 IN AUSTRIA, 86 BELGIUM, 506 ITALY, 287 MALTA AND 141 SPAIN. WHILE U. S., AUSTRALIA, CANADA, DENMARK, GULF STATES, NEW ZEALAND EXPECTED ACCEPT ADDITIONAL UGANDAN ASIANS, THUS GRADUALLY DEPLETING NUMBERS IN TRANSIT CENTERS CONSIDERABLY, CONTINUED CARE AND MAINTENANCE COSTS EXPECTED BE RQUIRED OF FOLLOWING MAGNITUDE:

MONTH	NUMBER PERSONS	COST
JUNE	1,300	\$192,000
JULY	900	\$126,000
AUGUST	300	42,000
SEPTEMBER	100	14,000
TOTAL		\$374,000

4. IN ADDITION, UNHCR ESTIMATES REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED COSTS FOR 1,403 PERSONS, AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY	NUMBER PERSONS	COST
AUSTRALIA	400	\$180,000
UK (FOR NEW ZEALAND)	200	13,000
UK	475	30,875

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MISC.	328	65,600
TOTAL TRANSPORT COSTS		\$289,475

FINALLY, UNHCR ALSO ESTIMATES ICEM LOAN FUND REQUIREMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY	NUMBER PERSONS	COST
CANADA	450	\$54,000
GULF STATES, ETC.	130	39,000

INDIA AND PAKISTAN 20 7,000

TOTAL LOAN FUND REQUIREMENTS \$100,000

TOTAL RESETTLEMENT AND LOAN REQUIREMENTS \$389,475.

ABOVE OFFSET BY BALANCE OF \$52,000 IN \$250,000 ALREADY
RESERVED
FOR ICEM (MENTIONED IN PARA 2 ABOVE) THUS REDUCING THE
NEED TO \$337,475.

5. IN VIEW ABOVE, UNHCR ESTIMATES ADDITIONAL \$700,000
REQUIRED BY UNHCR TO FINANCE CONCLUSION OF UGANDAN ASIAN
OPERATION. IN ADDITION TO APPEAL TO US FOR \$500,000, UNHCR
APPEALING TO UK FOR \$200,000 CONTRIBUTION WHICH, UNHCR
LETTER STATES, LIKE US HAD GIVEN INDICATION OF POSSIBLE
ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION. UNHCR STATES IF USG COULD MAKE
PLEDGE BY JUNE 1, UNHCR COULD TEMPORARILY FINANCE
OPERATION BY BORROWING FROM OTHER PROCEEDS UNTIL US
CONTRIBUTION ACTUALLY PAID.

6. COPY LETTER BEING POUCHED DEPT (S/ R). WOULD APPRECIATE
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